

Recommended Reads for the Samhain Season

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What is Samhain:

It is the Celtic celebration of the end of the hard work of harvest and the beginning of winter, or the darker half of the year, for rest. One way to celebrate is by honoring their ancestors with altars because there is the belief that spirits can more easily enter our realm on Samhain night. And another method is to perform music or storytelling for small gifts, which sounds a little like Trick-or-Treat.

Recommended Reads:

Great Irish Tales of Horror: includes 24 short stories that are “the most powerful examples of horror ever conceived.”

Three sections:

1. Lurking Shadows-Stories of Fear

The Morgan Score by Jack Higgins

The Happy Autumn Fields by Elizabeth Bowen

2. Wake Not the Dead-Traditional Fear

The Unburied Legs by Gerald Griffin

The Miraculous Revenge by George Bernard Shaw

3. To Make the Flesh Creep-Chilling Tales

Fly Away Finger, Fly Away Thumb by Brian Moore

Encounter at Night by Mary Frances McHugh

The Lively Ghosts of Ireland by Hans Holzer

This is the fourth volume by The Ghost Hunter about some of the most lively ghosts in the world. Holzer and a medium traveled all over Ireland and found all sorts of ghostly characters.

True Irish Ghost Stories: The first major collection of true Irish short stories compiled entirely from accounts sent in by correspondents from all over Ireland.

Irish Tales of Terror: 22 bewitching stories of Irish magic and mystery. Authors include James Joyce, Ray Bradbury, H.P. Lovecraft, W.B. Yeats and Oscar Wilde.

Irish Tales from the Otherworld: Ghosts, Fairies and Evil Spirits by Bob Curran

Ghosts in Irish Houses by James Reynolds

Haunted Belfast by Joe Baker

Fiction Picks:

The Ghosts of Belfast by Stuart Neville

Ghosts by John Banville

Mystery Picks:

In the Woods by Tana French

Haunted Ground by Erin Hart

The Gathering by Anne Enright

End of the Line by KT McCaffrey

Today's Irish word is Samhain!

Thank you for listening, and hope to see you at the McClelland Irish Library!